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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Teresa C. Chambers, Chief of the United States Park Police announce that David Michael Keene, 21 of Washington, D.C., was indicted to day by a federal grand jury in Alexandria on three-counts charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon; using, brandishing, and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence; and false statement in connection with the acquisition of a firearm. Arraignment is scheduled for March 7, 2003, before the Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema, United States District Court Judge.

The indictment stems from a road rage incident on December 1, 2002. Keene and another motorist were traveling northbound on the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County, Virginia, south of the exit for Route 123. Keene fired a gunshot from a .40 caliber pistol through the rear windshield of the other motorist. The bullet lodged in the rear of the driver's seat. Keene continued northbound on the parkway and the other motorist telephoned police to report the shooting.

Keene also provided false information to a federally licensed firearms dealer when he purchased the .40 caliber pistol in August 2002.

The case was investigated by the United States Park Police and is being prosecuted for the United States Attorney by Assistant United States Attorneys Morris Parker and Erik Barnett.